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Governor

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER STATE OF MONTANA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montana Public Defender Commission

FROM: Harry Freebourn

DATE: May 9, 2016

RE: COMMISSION DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - UPDATE

This memorandum provides an update on the amount of the Commission’s discretionary funds that have been obligated as of May 9, 2016.

On December 11, 2015, the Commission approved funding for four items totaling \$335,000. At that time, the dollar values for the approved items were based on estimates. As of that date, the remaining unobligated funds were \$165,000. The Governor’s budget office approved all items. They are as follows:

National Association for Public Defense Consultation	\$10,000
Enhancements to the online contractor claims submission system	\$100,000
One additional FTE for Appellate Defender office	\$150,000
Fund existing .5 FTE in Appellate Defender office	<u>\$75,000</u>
TOTAL	\$335,000

As of today, the funding need based on revised information is \$290,700 and the unobligated fund balance is \$209,300. The detailed items are below:

National Association for Public Defense Consultation	\$10,000
Enhancements to the online contractor claims submission system	\$100,000
One additional FTE for Appellate Defender office	\$94,595
Fund existing .5 FTE in Appellate Defender office	<u>\$86,105</u>
TOTAL	\$290,700